

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/17/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
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Response to Amendment

Claims 1, 3, and 7-10 have been amended. Claims 11-20 are added.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments see Remarks, filed 5/15/2006, with respect to claims 1-20 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Moreh does not expressly disclose an application server using an access program layer to negotiate with an application client a common security mechanism to be used. The 35 U.S.C. 102(e) rejection of claims 1-10 has been withdrawn.

Affidavit

The Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 is acknowledged; however, it has not been considered. In light of Applicant's argument, the 35 U.S.C. 102(e) rejection of claims 1-10 has been withdrawn. Moreh fails to anticipate the claimed limitations of the instant application as currently amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-20 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior of arts record fail to disclose "providing an adapter module for the common security mechanism, said adapter module mapping one or more parameters of a security service implemented by the common security mechanism to said consistent

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security interface, representing a security mechanism common to said application client and said application server, whereby applications running on the one data processing node and the another data processing node do not require modification to use different security mechanisms” in combination with other claimed limitations featuring a consistent security interface representing a security mechanism common to the client application and the server application.

Moreh discloses a protocol proxy that receives the authentication request from the client and translates it into native protocol of the authentication mechanism. The protocol proxy next communicates the translated request to the authentication mechanism. Upon successful authentication, the protocol proxy receives back from the authentication mechanism a response including attributes and access rights of the subject. The protocol proxy then creates a name assertion and, optionally, entitlements. The protocol proxy translates this into an authentication response that it transmits back to the client (page 3, par. 0048)

Therefore, Moreh does not disclose any interaction between the agent and the server application; therefore, it fails to disclose a consistent security interface representing a security mechanism common to the client application and the server application.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”


Conclusion

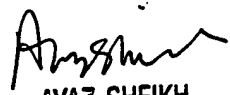
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Arezoo Sherkat whose telephone number is (571) 272-3796. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30 Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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